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Worksheet: Main Idea 2

Identify the **main idea** in the following passages.

PASSAGE 1



The golden eagle is one of the largest eagles. It is nearly four feet from the point of the beak to the end of the tail. He is found in most parts of Europe, and is also met with in America. High rocks and ruined and lonely towers are the places which he chooses for his abode. His nest, once measured on record as being 20 feet tall and 8½ feet wide, is composed of sticks and rushes. The large tail feathers are highly valued as ornaments by the American Indians.

Select the main idea:

- ☐ The golden eagle is the largest eagle.
- ☐ The golden eagle nest is composed of sticks and rushes.
- ☐ American Indians value their feathers.

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PASSAGE 2



Many young people seem to think it is of not much consequence if they do not improve their time well in youth, vainly expecting that they can make it up by diligence when they are older. They also think it is disgraceful for men and women to be idle, but that there can be no harm for persons who are young to spend their time in any manner they please.

Select the main idea:

- ☐ Young and old people should spend their time differently
- ☐ It is harmful to be idle.
- ☐ Young people can be idle without consequence.

PASSAGE 3

All the foods we call vegetables come from some part of a plant. Lima beans, peas, and kidney beans are plant seeds. Radishes, carrots, and beets are plant roots. Onions are plant bulbs. Potatoes are the underground stems of a plant. Celery and rhubarb are the stalks of plants. Broccoli and cauliflower are the flowers, buds, and stems of plants. Cabbage is the bud of a plant. Lettuce is the leaves of a plant. And when we eat string beans or scarlet runner beans, we're eating seed pods, which are the fruits of plants.

(Taken from "*The Green Kingdom*"- 1981, Childcraft, Volume 6, pp. 222)

Select the main idea:

- ☐ The food we eat are mostly vegetables.
- ☐ All vegetables come from some part of a plant.
- ☐ We eat a lot of vegetables.

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Answers:

The golden eagle is the largest eagle.

Young people can be idle without consequences.

All vegetables come from some part of a plant.